

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The 3rd May, 1980

No. 1748-SW(I)-80.—These rules shall be called "Financial Assistance to Widows and Destitute Women Rules" and shall be applicable throughout the State of Haryana. These rules shall come into operation from the date of publication.

2. Aim.—The aim of these rules is to provide social security by way of grant of financial assistance to widows and destitute women who are without any means of livelihood, have no body to support and nothing to fall back upon.

3. Eligibility.—The following categories of persons shall be entitled to this assistance :—

(1) A widow who is less than 60 years of age and has been left without any means of livelihood after the demise of her husband or a woman below 60 years old who is deprived of her husband's support or care by continued absence from the home or physical or mental incapacity of the husband or deserted by husband due to lack of resources on account of any other grounds and the girls who remain unmarried due to mental deficiency or any other reason which may have forced her to lead life of destitution shall be eligible for financial assistance under this scheme. A person shall be deemed to be destitute if all her relatives, e. g., sons, son's son, husband is not in a position to support her. Widows and destitute women whose income from all sources is below Rs. 50 per mensem shall be eligible to financial assistance.

Note.—(i) Widows and Destitute women who have adult sons/son's son(s) shall be termed as destitute for this purpose, if the monthly income of such earning hands falls within the following limits :—

- (a) An unmarried person having a monthly income not exceeding Rs. 150.
- (b) A married person with no child having a monthly income not exceeding Rs. 200.
- (c) A further allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem per child being allowed subject to a maximum income of Rs. 300 per mensem but who have to shoulder responsibilities of higher education of their own dependents shall be decided on merit of each case with the approval of Minister-in-charge.

Note (ii).—A widow shall be deemed a destitute even if she has an earning brother ;

(iii) Step son(s) shall not be considered a son for the purpose of grant of this pension ;

(iv) Applicants having an income not exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem from any source including income from the property owned by them shall also be termed as destitute for the purpose of grant of this pension.

(v) Professional beggars and professional prostitutes are not covered under the scheme. Widows and destitute women getting occasional assistance from their relatives and from other people out of mercy shall, however, get benefit under this scheme, provided they fulfil the other conditions of eligibility and the sanctioning authority is satisfied that such women will not resort to begging, provided further that they are domicile of Haryana and have resided in the State of Haryana for more than one year from the date of application.

4. Rate of Financial Assistance.—The assistance payable to each woman shall be Rs. 50 per mensem which will be remitted by money order after every three months or earlier as the Drawing and Disbursing Officer may deem fit. Money order commission will be borne by the Government.

5. Procedure for Application.—The persons eligible for grant of assistance shall have to apply on the prescribed application form (F1) which will be available free of cost from the office of the Director, Social Welfare, Haryana. The applicant after filling up the prescribed application form in legible hand-writing will submit the same duly completed in all respects to the Director, Social Welfare, Haryana. In case of the disabled husband of the applicant, it will be obligatory to obtain a medical certificate from a medical Officer not below the rank of Assistant Surgeon. Similarly in case of divorced/deserted the women shall furnish a certificate from the Court in the case of legal divorce or desertion.

6. Powers to sanction Financial Assistance.—The Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, shall be the sanctioning authority who shall pass orders on the basis of the report/spot investigation made by departmental Social Welfare Investigation Officer or any other officer/official specially deputed to find out genuineness of the case. The decision of the Joint Director, Social Welfare, shall be final. The orders passed in each case shall be communicated to the applican

7. Stoppage of Assistance.—(i) The sanctioning authority shall have the rights to stop payment, withhold or withdraw the amount, if at any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or on false information or the condition under which the financial assistance was granted no longer exists.

(ii) Financial assistance shall cease to be payable on the death of beneficiary and if a grantee dies before receiving assistance for a particular period the same shall lapse.

(iii) Financial assistance shall cease to be payable when a widow/destitute woman attains the age of 60 years or the date from which she gets employed or gets any other means of subsistence, whichever is earlier. However, in case where destitute women and widows attain the age of 60 years and having still no source of income, her case shall be transferred to Old Age Pension Scheme.

A suitable note indicating the date on which the beneficiary attains the age of 60 years shall be recorded in P. L. A. register in the block letters in red ink on the page allotted to each beneficiary so as to avoid the possibility of making any payment after that day.

(iv) Assistance shall cease to be payable if the grantee remarries or resumes cohabitation.

(v) Good conduct and chaste life is an implied condition to the payment of financial assistance. The sanctioning authority shall have the right to withhold or suspend the payment of assistance if the grantee be convicted of crime involving moral turpitude.

(vi) Financial assistance will be stopped when the dependent of the grantee attains the age of 21 years or gets employed, whichever is earlier. However, in hard cases where dependent attains the age of 21 years but does not get employment will be considered for assistance with the approval of Minister Incharge.

8. Change of address.—It shall be obligatory for a grantee to intimate any change of address to the Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, Haryana. Persons shifted outside Haryana State shall cease to be eligible for assistance if the period of the stay outside the State is more than one year.

PART II

9. Accounting Procedure.—The following paragraph shall regulate the accounting procedure in respect of the scheme "Financial Assistance to Widows and Destitute Women" outside homes in Haryana.

10. Registration of Application.—On receipt of application form (F.) it shall be recorded in the receipt register maintained specifically for the purpose in the office of Director, Social Welfare, Haryana. Each applicant shall be issued an acknowledgement receipt (Form 2) indicating therein a registration number of her application for all future correspondence.

11. The financial assistance shall be sanctioned for the financial year during which it is granted and shall be subject to review yearly according to the circumstances of each case.

12. The assistance shall become payable from the 1st of the month in which it is sanctioned. The rate of assistance shall be Rs. 50 p.m. per head.

13. Financial assistance under the scheme shall not be liable to attachment through a court of law.

14. Records of all payments shall be entered in personal ledger Account Register (F. 3) and each grantee shall have a separate account in the said ledger.

15. Drawing and Disbursing Officer or any other officer authorised by her/him shall sign the Money Order Form and initial the entries in the Personal Ledger Account after carefully comparing and checking the documents.

16. No payment shall be made for the next quarter until the actual payees receipt for the previous payment has been received and a note to that effect recorded in the relevant column of the Personal Ledger Account or till satisfactory proof is available that the previous amount has been correctly paid.

17. Personal Ledger Account shall be checked up every month or after such interval as the Drawing and Disbursing Officer shall thoroughly prove into any undischarged amounts as may come to his/her notice. For this purpose detailed references may be made to the grantee or the postal authorities etc. as the case may be. Drawals from the Treasury will be made only if such amounts are required for immediate disbursement. Undischarged amounts if any, will be refunded by short drawal in the next bill.

Note.—The Drawing and Disbursing Officer shall be required to attach a certificate with the bill in which amount required for remittance is drawn to the effect that amount drawn in the previous bill have since been remitted and that any amount received back on account of undelivered money order during the intervention period has been noted in the proper register/accounted for and are being short drawn in the present bill.

18. Actual payees receipt shall be kept and preserved under lock and key for a period of three years or till these are audited whichever is later. However, in disputed cases the record shall be preserved till the dispute is settled.

19. The amount on account of undelivered money orders shall be received by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer or an officer authorised by him/her and a proper record of such amount shall be kept in a separate register (F.4). Each entry in the said register shall be initialled by the receiving officer/official.

20. In the event of death of beneficiary undelivered money orders will be received back by the department.

21. The amount on account of undelivered money orders shall be taken on the receipt side of the Cash Book and the entire amount received as such shall be refundable by short drawal in the subsequent bill.

22. The Director, Social Welfare Haryana shall be overall incharge of the scheme and necessary instructions in regard to proper maintenance of the account shall be issued from time to time. He will be assisted by an officer as may be deputed by the Director, Social Welfare who shall be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the scheme and shall implement the scheme and shall be responsible to advise the Director Social Welfare in all matters relating to this scheme.

23. The expenditure on the administration of this programme including cost of money order forms and money order Commission shall be debitible to the head "288—Social Security & Welfare—D—Social Welfare—IV—Women Welfare (ii) Financial Assistance to Destitute Women".

S.K. MISRA,
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Secretary and Secretary to Government, Haryana,
Social Welfare Department,

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The 13th May, 1980

No. 7/57/78-4H.B. II.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of section 9 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (Parliament Act 37 of 1954), read with rule 8 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Haryana, hereby rescinds the appointment of Shri Sant Lal Anand, Government Food Inspector, Sonepat as Food Inspector and makes the following amendment in Haryana Government Health Department, Notification No. 7/33/78-4HB-II, dated 25th October, 1978, namely :—

AMENDMENT

In the said notification, serial No. 1 and entries there against shall be omitted.

The 14th May, 1980

No. 36/30/79-4 H.B.II.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of section 9 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (Parliament Act 37 of 1954) read with rule 8 of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, the Governor of Haryana hereby rescinds the appointment of Shri Bahadur Chand Verma, Tehsil Sanitary Inspector, Ferozpur-Jhirka, as Food Inspector and makes the following amendment in Haryana Government, Health Department Notification No. 2274-HB 11-77/17368, dated 9th June, 1977.

AMENDMENT

In the said notification, Serial No. 8 and entries there against shall be omitted.

S. K. JAIN,
Secretary to Government, Haryana,
Health Department.